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Pushing Training For Vets

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San Francisco, Calif.
The veterans' training program under the GI Bill of Rights is in full swing despite certain restrictive amendments passed last summer which limit the combined totals of benefits and earnings to \$175 for single veterans and \$200 for married veterans.

The Veterans Administration reports that 595,541 veterans were receiving on-the-job training benefits on October 31, an increase of 50 per cent since July 31. This increase in the number of veterans taking advantage of the program makes it more important than ever that the ceilings on earnings be removed.

CRITICIZE LIMITATION

This limitation is unjust and can seriously weaken the whole program. First, of course, in view of the constantly increasing cost of living, the limitations on the total earnings and benefits make no sense. The high level of the cost of living today has already made the \$175 and \$200 limits equivalent to bare subsistence, and a continued increase in the cost of living will force veterans working under this program to subsist on a sub-standard level.

Another serious criticism is that for many occupations and trades the entrance rate or training rate is either close to or equivalent to the ceilings placed by law, so that veterans seeking training in these trades and occupations can receive little or no benefits.

LOW ENTRANCE RATES

Finally, such restrictions encourage employers setting up training programs to establish low entrance rates because the level of the training rate bears no relations to the total training income of the veteran. This is decidedly a boon to the unfair and chiseling employer.

Despite these serious flaws in the present law, there are many beneficial features with which the trade unions should acquiesce themselves in seeking to draw veterans into their trades. One such feature is the special set-up for disabled veterans, which provides special allowances for disabled veterans entering either a recognized apprenticeship or training program.

With proper legislative correction and with organized labor seeking to assure its veteran members the maximum benefits of the special veteran legislation, many more veterans will be found receiving the benefits to which they are entitled under the training program.

Smaller Papers Protest Meager Print Supplies

Washington, D. C.
Small publishers are letting the Senate small business committee know their main problem is bucking the monopoly control of newspaper publishers and labor papers, a committee source told Federated Press.

The committee had written to 10,000 U. S. publishers in October inquiring into their newsprint problems, sharpened recently by decontrol of paper prices.

"The information we are getting will probably be gathered in a report to Congress which will stress the importance of straightening out this problem of newsprint," the spokesman said.

"A lot of small publishers are wondering how it is that they can't get newsprint for 25,000 copies of their paper when a big New York daily can get enough for a 132-page Sunday issue full of advertising," he said.

Vets' Housing Still Trailing Business Bldg.

So you think something's being done about the housing shortage? You're right if you're a businessman, but oh so wrong, if you're just another Joe looking for a roof for your family.

A survey of 37 states east of the Rockies by the F. W. Dodge Corp. shows that while contracts for homebuilding in October declined \$58,763 from September, contracts for nonresidential building went up \$55,728 in the same period. The gains were especially pronounced in buildings used for manufacturing purposes.

Salinas Valley Has Nearly 2,000 Unemployed

Bob Mercer, manager of the California State Employment Service, reports that there are now 587 veterans, 562 women and 601 men (non-veteran) unemployed in the Salinas Valley. It is not unusual for employment to decrease when seasonal activities end, but what is alarming is the large increase over early December of past years.

Mercer said the Salinas Chamber of Commerce was deserving of community support in its program to bring new industries into Salinas which would employ labor when it is plentiful and be a minor factor in the labor market during our agricultural and processing seasons.

Last winter many public spirited firms contributed newspaper advertisements to the Veterans Service Council's program for "more jobs for veterans," but as yet no plans have been adopted to cope with the present situation.

There is something that every employer can do now, Mercer said. "Tell the Employment Service of job needs, all of them. It will save the employer's time, assure him of greater selectability, he need not see the unqualified persons—and if the employer does place all orders for jobs with the Employment Service the community benefits by workers at work, veterans get jobs quicker and the employer's profits are greater."

Laundry Workers Sign Contract For Wage Boost

A new contract covering union laundry workers in the Salinas area has been negotiated and signed, granting the workers a pay increase of five cents hourly for all classifications.

John W. Deer, business representative for Laundry Workers' Union 259 of Salinas, said a 65-cent hourly minimum was established through the new agreement, and a clause was inserted granting the union permission to negotiate for another five-cent hourly increase on June 1, 1947, if rising costs of living warrant.

Deer said all Salinas laundries have signed the contract with the exception of the Modern Linen Supply, which still is non-union.

Laborers Union Officials Attend Permanente Meet

Officials of Laborers' Union 272 of Salinas were in attendance at the San Jose meeting last Saturday of union authorities and representatives of the Permanente Metals Corp. and the Permanente Cement Co.

President Randolph Fenchel, Secretary John F. Mattos and Business Manager J. B. McGinley were representatives of Local 272 at the meeting, speaking for employees of the plants at Moss Landing and Natavidad.

Sardine Season Pickup is Hoped

Some improvement in the sardine fishing and canning at Monterey is hoped for during the final two months—the season ends February 15.

Business Agent Lester Caveny of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union said plant owners and fishermen alike have hopes that a run of fish will come their way.

Last week trucks brought in sardines from southern ports for canning at the San Carlos and California Frozen Fish Products plants, Caveny said. In addition, about 34 tons of fish were caught in the bay by boats which supply the Hovden plant, he added.

Georgia Plans Incorporation Of All Unions

Atlanta, Ga.
A bill requiring incorporation of unions and outlawing the closed shop will be introduced in the Georgia House of Representatives, Rep. Eugene Yawn of Dodge County announced here.

Yawn, who was co-author of the law requiring 30-day notice of strike intent in Georgia, said he would press especially hard for legislation compelling unions to incorporate.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Demand Union Label Christmas Gifts

In what better way could the members of Labor Unions and their friends help the cause of organized labor than to buy only those Xmas gifts which bear the Union Label? Many practical gifts are made under Union conditions. They can be purchased at just as reasonable prices as the products of unfair and foreign industries. By patronizing only those firms which display the Union Label, Shop Card or Service Button, Labor Unionists and their sympathizers can make this Christmas a merrier one for themselves and their children.

The women of the Labor Unionist's home have a combined purchasing power of over ten billions of dollars annually. If this vast sum were spent for only Union-made goods and Union Services, it would be the greatest stimulus to organizing non-union concerns that the American Federation of Labor has witnessed in years. It would also be a great encouragement to "fair" employers in Unionized industries.

When buying Xmas gifts demand the Union Label. It is the best assurance that the gifts are made under Union conditions. The Union Label always assures the purchaser that the products are of the highest quality; manufactured under sanitary conditions; and made in America. Patronize only firms which display the Union Label, Shop Card and Button. Let's make it a Merry "Union Label" Christmas!

Taylor Declares Profiteer Should Assume Bulk of Tax Liabilities

Washington, D. C.
War profiteers should bear most of the postwar tax load, Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Ida.) said here as he argued for tax reduction for low and middle income groups.

A 20 per cent across-the-board income tax reduction as suggested by Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) "would give millions to the millionaires and pennies to the poor," according to Taylor.

"For example," he said, "a married man with two children who makes \$3000 a year would have his taxes cut by \$27.40 a year. An individual with a million dollar income would have his taxes cut \$167,683.55. This will give little or no help to the little man, but it gives a great bonus to the man whose bank accounts are swollen with war profits."

"Congress has already given a tax rebate to the rich through the repeal of the excess profits tax. It would be grossly unfair to bestow an additional gift upon them, at the expense of wage and salary earners."

Taylor said there is an urgent need for tax reduction for the large majority of the population, "but proposals by the Republican party and its spiritual advisor, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, offer little real hope of tax reduction for the family in the lower income brackets."

The progressive Idaho senator advocated the principle of taxation in accordance with ability to pay, and proposed raising the exemption level to about \$3000 for a family of four.

Spokane School Board Continues to Ignore AFL Teacher Unions

Spokane, Wash.
Another round of stalling was undertaken by the Spokane school board which, after a delay of several months, refused to recognize two unions as collective bargaining agents for school district employees.

AFL Will Have Equal Standing With WFTU In UN Sessions

Lake Success, New York
The AFL, the Intl. Cooperative Alliance and the Intl. Chamber of Commerce will have the same right as the World Federation of Trade Unions to submit points for inclusion on the agenda of the United Nations economic and social council, the U. N. general assembly's economic and social committee has ruled.

This decision came after a heated debate in which France, the Soviet Union, India and nine other countries supported the view that the 71 million-strong WFTU represents broader sections of the world's population than any of the other organizations under discussion, and should therefore receive special rights.

The U. S. delegation, which proposed that all the groups get equal treatment, pointed out that it opposed giving privileges to any of the organizations, but that under no circumstances should the WFTU be singled out. Final vote on the motion was 20 in favor, 12 opposed, 11 abstaining and 11 absent.

Unionist Filing Damages Against Westinghouse for Atomic Injuries

Bloomfield, N. J.
Dorothy Burns filed a \$200,000 damage suit against Westinghouse Electric Co. as the first U. S. factory worker victim of the atomic age.

Too weak to talk to reporters, Miss Burns is suffering from a fibrous degeneration of the lungs, a heart ailment and a nervous disorder which her lawyers charge is a result of contact with radio-active uranium, the element used in the atomic bomb. Her doctors, who report she has lost nearly 20 pounds since she went to work for Westinghouse four years ago, say her prospect for remaining alive "isn't good."

At Westinghouse, where she earned \$40 a week as an unskilled defense worker, Miss Burns was never told by the corporation that she was working on atomic research and endangering her life. She learned about it June 4, 1946, when the army cited Westinghouse's Bloomfield laboratory as "the sole supplier of pure uranium in the country." This was five months after the first symptoms of her sickness appeared. She was forced to quit work last month.

Miss Burns' suit, expected to come up in court next September, may be the first of thousands filed as the full effects of the exposure of workers to the harmful substance becomes known. Miss Burns' union is conducting an investigation among other workers at the plant, which is under contract to the local, to determine the extent of the menace and the company's responsibility.

TO MEMBERS OF LOCAL 890

Any member of Fruit and Produce Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas not receiving the Monterey County Labor News may call at the union's offices in Salinas and receive a copy.

A supply of extra copies of the Labor News, the Southern California Teamster and the AFL Cannery Reporter is available at the office for members, Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade announces.

With settlement of the recent strike, the Calavo Packers have been removed from the Western Warehouse and Products Council unfair list and Calavo products are once again fair to labor, Andrade said.

Cards Necessary Social Security For Xmas Work

With the Christmas holiday season nearing again, many retail stores will follow their usual practice of employing extra workers for a few days.

Whether for a few days or hours, extra workers must have and show their social security account cards to their employers, according to Albert L. Benelisha, manager of the Social Security Administration. Your employer is required to report your name, social security number and wages paid on his quarterly report to the government.

If you are going to work this Christmas season, now is the time to look for your card. If you cannot find it you should apply for a duplicate at once so you will have it when applying for work. Workers who have changed their name through marriage or otherwise should have their name changed on the card. Housewives and others who plan on working during the rush season should likewise start looking for their social security account card.

Every little bit of employment under social security helps to build up your old-age and survivors insurance account, Benelisha said. The San Jose office serves the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey. Over 5600 beneficiaries in this area are now receiving monthly benefits under this program, according to Benelisha. These include retired workers over 65, their wives over 65, children under 18 of retired or deceased workers, widows over 65, and widows under 65 when they have young children in their care. Some dependent parents are also receiving monthly benefits.

New Highway Construction Going Well

Construction of Highway 101 north to Chittenden Junction is progressing rapidly, although completion of the project from Santa Rita to the "big rocks" has been delayed by weather and problems in laying the asphalt top coating.

J. B. McGinley, business representative for building crafts in the Salinas area, reported that Tietchert & Sons, contractors holding contracts to make the highway a four-lane divided roadway, are ahead of schedule on the section from the rocks to Chittenden.

Box Makers Boost Fee on Initiation

Box Makers' Union 3034 of Salinas voted at last week's meeting to increase initiation fees from \$10 to \$25, effective January 1, 1947, Business Representative John W. Deer reports.

The meeting was marked by a good attendance, including several guests from San Jose and Modesto unions. Eight new members were initiated at the meeting.

Cold Tablet Firm Put On Spot by Government

Washington, D. C.
The makers of "Hill's Cold Tablets" are on the pan again. The Larned Corporation of Jersey City was cited recently by the Federal Trade Commission to appear for a hearing on the company's misrepresentation of therapeutic properties of the tablets and the failure, despite warnings of the FTC, to reveal their possible harmful effects.

Vets Marching Again



As the strike by the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL) against Hollywood's major motion picture studios continued, these veterans joined picketlines in support of strikers' demands. Hundreds of pickets were arrested by Los Angeles police in an effort to break the strike. But as soon as released—back to the picket line they went. (Federated Pictures)

Facts You Should Know--

DISABILITY INSURANCE

California's new DISABILITY INSURANCE program went into effect December 1, 1946. For the first time, Californians who become unemployed because of illness or injury will receive benefits from the State to help offset the loss of wages. In the past, the State paid benefits only to persons who were unemployed and were able and willing to work.

The following questions and answers tell you the most important facts about Disability Insurance.

WHEN ARE YOU ENTITLED TO DRAW DISABILITY INSURANCE? You may draw Disability Insurance when you are unemployed because of illness or injury, providing you do certain things. You must have (1) filed a claim in accordance with regulations; (2) earned at least \$300 during your base period; (3) filed a medical certificate; (4) served a seven-day waiting period; and (5) submitted to a reasonable examination if required by the California Department of Employment.

You may NOT draw Disability Insurance if (1) you are already receiving Unemployment Insurance; (2) you are receiving Workmen's Compensation; (3) you are receiving your regular wages and they equal or exceed the amount of the benefit award; or (4) you are receiving GI Readjustment Allowances. Pregnancy, ordinarily, is not a compensable illness.

MUST YOU SEE A DOCTOR TO QUALIFY FOR DISABILITY PAYMENTS? You must have been under the care of a physician sometime during the first week of disability, and he must sign your disability certificate. Professional services by licensed osteopaths and chiropractors, or accredited practitioners of a recognized religious faith, meet this requirement.

HOW MUCH MAY YOU RECEIVE IN DISABILITY INSURANCE? The amount of Disability Insurance which you may receive in any benefit year is determined by law exactly as is your Unemployment Insurance benefit. The maximum you may receive during the year ranges from \$160 to \$468, depending upon how much you earned during your base period. The weekly rate will vary from \$10 to \$20. You will receive your check every two weeks while you are disabled.

WILL DISABILITY INSURANCE BE PAID MORE THAN ONCE DURING A YEAR? You may be compensated for more than one disability during a year, but you will not be paid more than the maximum amount of your award in any benefit year. Also, you must serve the one-week waiting period each time you are sick or injured to qualify to receive Disability Insurance payments.

IS DISABILITY INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYABLE DURING THE SAME YEAR? Yes, you may receive both during the same benefit year, but not simultaneously. You will be limited, however, to 150 per cent of one award if you draw both benefits. For example, if you qualify for \$468 from either insurance you are limited to \$702 in payments if you receive both Disability Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.

WILL THE STATE PAY YOU DISABILITY BENEFITS IF YOU HAVE A PRIVATE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY? Yes. Money received from an insurance policy for which you pay premiums will not prevent you from receiving benefits from the State, or from an approved voluntary plan.

HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE? The one per cent tax which you formerly paid for Unemployment Insurance now is used for Disability Insurance payments. You do not pay more than you did before the Disability Insurance program started.

DO ALL EMPLOYERS COME UNDER THE STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE SYSTEM? Only those employers subject to the Unemployment Insurance Act are included within the Disability Insurance program.

MAY VOLUNTARY PLANS FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE BE ESTABLISHED IN LIEU OF THE STATE'S PLAN? The law allows employers, or employee groups, to establish voluntary plans if they choose, and all parties to the action consent. The voluntary plan must provide benefits to the employee which are greater than the benefits provided by the State's plan.

IF YOU CONSENT TO GO UNDER A VOLUNTARY PLAN NOW WILL YOU BE CONTINUOUSLY PROTECTED IF YOU CHANGE TO THE STATE'S PLAN LATER? Yes, if your earnings make you eligible, you will be continuously protected regardless of changes from a voluntary plan to the State's plan, or vice versa.

You may obtain additional information about Disability Insurance from any employee of the local Department of Employment office near your home.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT helps to PROTECT you in your OLD AGE

HOW? Ask Your UNION SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE, OR THE NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.

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ILLUSION OF "MORE PRODUCTION"

Current theory seems to be that if labor wants higher wages it must go all-out for more production. Theoretically, that is generally true at any time: The greater the wealth that society as a whole produces, the more there is to be shared among those who compose the society. Actually it is not always true in practice under our price-profit economy.

Back in 1935 mountains of oranges were burned in Orange County, and up in the Stockton area potatoes were being dumped into the river and otherwise disposed of. Why? "Over-production," said the growers. "Over-production," of course, means that the growers have produced so many oranges and potatoes that the supply drives down the price. To maintain price, the growers agree to destroy part of the product and to curtail future production. The fact that there are still millions of people who cannot afford to buy the oranges and potatoes at the prices created by deliberately contrived scarcity makes no difference.

Apologists for our present economic setup get the cart before the horse. Increased production alone does not necessarily promote prosperity. The key to universal prosperity and plenty under a free-enterprise economy is maximum production PLUS maximum wages and salaries for the consumers to buy the products. What makes real prosperity is purchasing power in the hands of the masses. If that purchasing power is too low, it is impossible to step up production for very long. Even if production is stepped up and interest and dividends take too big a slice of the ultimate retail price of the product, stagnation will eventually set in because too much of the purchasing power gets into the hands of the top few, who can't consume it or reinvest it fast enough.

What the average tycoon fails to get through his head is this simple economic fact: If you step up the wage-earners' buying power first, the increased production is bound to take care of itself automatically, for every producer would know that as fast as he turned out goods and products the masses would have the money to buy them.

Suppose our government passed a law tomorrow that every employer in the country had to raise wages 50 per cent and at the same time froze prices. Would this bankrupt the country?

Of course not. The modest but stable margin of profit on the vastly increased volume of manufacturing, farm production and business turnover would amply take care of fair returns on business investment.

We repeat: Maximum production plus maximum spending power in the hands of all the people is the key to prosperity under our present economic order. The two must go together; otherwise depression is inevitable.

LABOR'S STONE WALL

It is not an iron law, but it is generally true, that wages are based on the cost of living, with costs stepping out ahead and wages limping along in the rear.

New York's world-famous Delmonico restaurant was operating as far back as 1834. Average wages were something like \$4 to \$5 a week, as compared, roughly, to the equivalent of \$40 to \$50 now. Delmonico's bill of fare for one week that year listed a cup of tea or coffee for 1 cent. Now, since price controls are off, it's 10 cents. Soup was 2 cents, hash was 3 cents, corned beef and cabbage 4 cents, beefsteak 4 cents, pork chops 4 cents, liver and bacon 5 cents, roast mutton 5 cents, fried eggs 5 cents. If you really wanted to splurge in those days, you got ham and eggs for 10 cents, or a hamburger steak for 10 cents, or roast chicken for 10 cents.

As a matter of fact, you now have to pay over 10 times what was paid in those days for some of those restaurant food items.

The lesson in all this is that it's pretty hard for the worker to beat the game. As soon as he gets more pay, he gets it taken away from him by hiked prices. And, of course, that's why we have a panic and/or depression every 14 years or so—because purchasing power is always too low and this finally produces a glut—and stagnation.

It seems to us that the way to get out of this vicious circle is to have Uncle Sam step in and, by fiat, make prices trail wages. Thus purchasing power will always slightly exceed supply, there will never be a glut, and prosperity can be made permanent. But, of course, this smacks of planned economy and other nasty things, and we couldn't dare do anything like that!

BACK TO ADAM AND EVE

The following comment on the war of the future by Joe Latin in the magazine "Front Page" strikes us as a dilly:

"I don't know what weapons will be used in the next war, but in the war after the next one, surer than hell they'll be using spears."

Caution
In Sick
Setup
Urged

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. The Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits Bill, popularly known as the Disability Bill, became effective December 1. Although the Act provides for voluntary plans of coverage by private carriers, nevertheless the state plan now applies, and all wage earners are covered by it.

Because of the number of inquiries made of the Federation at the last minute and the pressure exerted by certain carriers to get their plans approved by the unions involved, it is evident that some confusion exists about the new law. Many fear that unless workers subscribe to a voluntary disability plan, they will receive no benefits in case of disability from non-industrial causes. This is not true. DON'T BE MISLED

The Federation wishes to make it emphatically clear that the great urgency of subscribing to voluntary plans does not exist, and that it is being over-emphasized by private insurance carriers, who apparently have not seen fit to consult with the Federation regarding the plans they are issuing.

The unions are again urged to check any voluntary disability plan with the Federation before they subscribe to it. These voluntary plans may be elected by a majority of employees, who will then be covered by insurance issued by an insurance carrier authorized to transact disability insurance in California, provided, however, that benefits to the insured under the voluntary plan are more favorable than those specified in the state law.

78 PLANS APPROVED

A week before the law went into effect, 78 voluntary disability plans had been approved by the state. Only a very few of these plans have been submitted to the Federation for analysis by the companies involved. A number of the plans are being offered to the employers, disregarding the employees who are directly involved.

The Federation wishes to point out once again that it is up to the employees to approve of these plans, since they are the ones who are insured. There is no reason for any undue haste, even though the voluntary plans must offer better provisions than those contained in the state law. If the workers will be more critical and shop for the best plan that is available, the best benefits will be obtained. That is why the Federation wishes to be contacted by the unions in this respect.



"The world is a troubled, mixed-up place, my boy," said Mr. Dilworth, shaking his head.

"What's wrong?" asked Little Luther. "Is the bottom dropping out of your diaper business?"

"No, Luther, it's more confusing than that. I understand the Republicans are going to bring Sen. Bilbo up on charges, or something like that."

"On charges of fascism, no doubt," Little Luther suggested.

"Luther, I do declare, the way you sizzle that word out it's a wonder it doesn't curl your teeth. But no, I think they're charging him with nasty talk—whatever that is."

"It's what you've been guilty of since you learned to speak," said Luther. "Or anyway, since you learned to read the big business press."

"But why should the Republicans do it?" Mr. Dilworth demanded. "What better friend have they than Bilbo?"

"If he's a friend, God save them from their enemies," said Luther. "Why, Bilbo was the kind of Democrat that made the people so sick they had to vote Republican. Give him another term in the Senate and there wouldn't be enough Democrats left, even in the South, to hold a lynching."

"In other words," said Little Luther, "the polltaxers are so strong in the lynch spirit that if you give them enough rope, they'll even hang themselves. Correct?"

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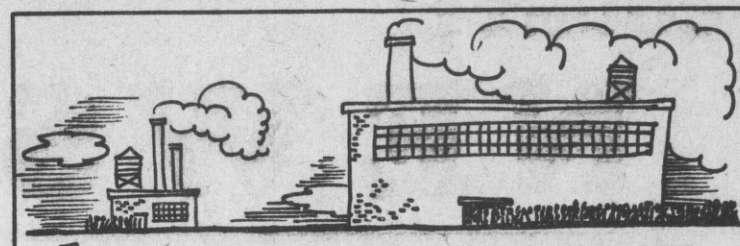
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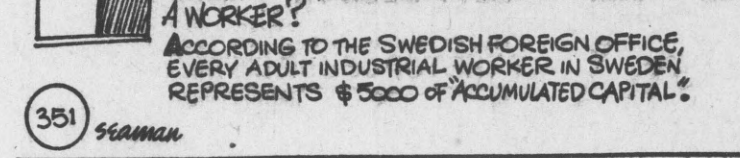
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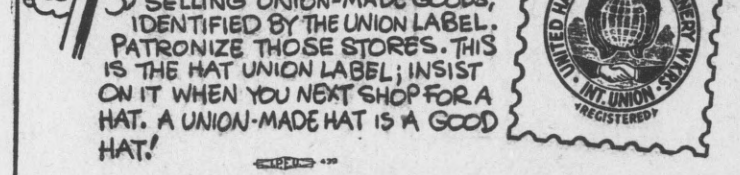
IN THE TWO YEARS AFTER JAN. 1, 1944, SMALL FIRMS—THOSE HIRING LESS THAN 125 WORKERS—INCREASED THEIR EMPLOYMENT 1%, WHILE THE BIGGER FIRMS' WORKERS WENT UP 62%.



SINCE BRITAIN'S COALMINES HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED THE MINERS HAVE OBTAINED THE FIVE-DAY WEEK.



WHAT ARE YOU WORTH AS A WORKER? ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH FOREIGN OFFICE, EVERY ADULT INDUSTRIAL WORKER IN SWEDEN REPRESENTS \$5000 OF ACCUMULATED CAPITAL.



COAST-TO-COAST-THROUGH-OUT AMERICA—ARE STORES SELLING UNION-MADE GOODS, IDENTIFIED BY THE UNION LABEL. PATRONIZE THOSE STORES. THIS IS THE HAT UNION LABEL; INSIST ON IT WHEN YOU NEXT SHOP FOR A HAT. A UNION-MADE HAT IS A GOOD HAT.



APES, GIANTS AND MAN, By Franz Weidenreich. Published by The University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. Price \$2.50.

If you are one of those who scoff at the theory of evolution which holds that man and the anthropoids somewhere back along the line had a common ancestry, this book will not interest you.

However, you should read it anyway in order to know the latest theories and findings on the subject. Franz Weidenreich is a research associate of the New York Museum of Natural History and has a world reputation in the field of anthropological research.

Strictly speaking, this is not a partisan argument in support of the Darwinian theory. The book consists of five lectures delivered in 1945 at the University of California and deals with five main subjects: "Man and His Simian

Ancestry"; "Development of the Specifically Human Form"; "Giants as Earliest Ancestors"; "The Human Races: Principles of Their Classification and Origin"; "Form and Qualities of the Human Brain and Skull in the Light of Evolution."

Each lecture is characterized by fine scholarship and the series is interestingly illustrated to support statements of fact.

Weidenreich, in his lectures on "The Human Races" and "The Human Brain and Skull," submits plenty of evidence to help debunk the myth of "Nordic superiority" and the far-fetched contentions of pseudo-scientific phenologists.

Anybody who is interested in this subject will find "Apes, Giants and Man" fascinating reading and an authoritative work to have on hand for reference.

—AL SESSIONS.



IS CONGRESS COOKING UP A 'SHERMAN ACT' FOR UNIONS?

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

Washington, D. C.

An eager beaver, ever ready to take what strategists term a calculated risk, this column would like to reiterate that "the stories are coming."

Although the weather outlook for labor is for hurricanes and plenty of those red flags with black squares have been hoisted, some of us tend to think we'll ride this one out.

But the fact is that the mounting storm simply is not just a matter of the Case anti-labor bill and the ban on the closed shop. American labor is driving directly into a seriously sponsored plan to apply the Sherman anti-trust act to unions by specific amendment.

TRUMAN BEHIND IT? This is a tactic that is being directed with the approval of none other than President Truman, the Florida sun-bather and submarine passenger.

A lot of people, important people, are talking these lines today and hoping to use the recent soft coal crisis as a springboard. Congress is eager for the starting gun January 3—and a special session would bring it even sooner and give the defeated Democrats an opportunity to prove their loyalty to the "American way of life."

The argument boils down to this: no union should have such power that it can stop down an entire industry . . . and such key unions as the United Mine Workers (AFL) certainly must have their power curtailed by statute.

SOME POSSIBILITIES Since the essence of the anti-trust act is its ban on monopoly and the legal requirement to break the hold of single units over any great segment of industry, the application of the law to unions involves some interesting possibilities.

Few will argue that the Sherman act has stopped American monopoly. Standard Oil continues to be Standard Oil. The difference now is that instead of having Mr. Rockefeller's Standard Oil of New Jersey; Standard Oil of California; Standard Oil of Indiana and the various subsidiaries, such as

Humble Oil, which is simply another way of saying Standard Oil (N.J.), operating in the Lone Star state of Texas.

Unless some new and legally untried angles are developed, the anti-labor amendment to the anti-trust law will simply mean that we'll have the United Mine Workers (Penna.), the United Mine Workers (W.Va.), and similar district subdivisions for Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.

The "holding company" might well be UMW (Illinois) of which John L. Lewis is president.

Modern Dictionary

BRAINS—The way YOU'RE doing it.

LUCK—The way the other fellow got there.

FISHNET—A lot of little holes tied together with string.

COACH—A fellow who will gladly lay down your life for his school.

HEREDITY—Something every man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool.

CONSCIENCE—Something that gets a lot of credit that really belongs to cold feet.

BUM—When a woman's toe sticks out of her shoe, she's fashionable. When a man's toe sticks out, he's a bum.

DIPLOMAT—A man who can talk his wife into being sorry for the girl who lost the hairpins in the back seat of his car.

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MIGHTY CLOSE CALL

"It's such a fine day," said the broker to his assistant, "that I think I'll go down to the club and shoot a round of golf."

"I wish I was rich," the assistant said a little later to his secretary. "I wouldn't mind getting out into this sunshine once in a while myself."

"Don't be a sap," the secretary told him. "How will old Poopface know if you call for your wife and sneak off to the beach?"

The assistant thought this was an excellent suggestion. At his home, however, he had considerable difficulty getting the front door open; when he did force his way in, there was the boss, making violent love to his wife! The assistant gasped, stole silently out of the house, and paddled back to the office as fast as his little feet would carry him.

"What happened?" said the secretary. "Didn't you go to the beach?"

"What happened?" echoed the assistant. "You and your fancy ideas! On account of you I darn near got fired!"

PERPLEXING PROBLEM

A hardy Indian medicine man was dangling his feet from a raft in Palm Beach, watching the great white fathers roughing it in their primitive cabanas. Suddenly a beautiful and voluptuous mermaid popped up from the sea and sat down beside him. The Indian looked her over for a moment and said, "How?"

DELATED RESCUE

A farmer boy stuck his head into the kitchen of a neighbor and asked, "Kin you help me right a load of manure? It turned over in front of yer corn field."

"Well, John," said the neighbor. "I reckon I'll eat my dinner first. Come and have some victuals with us."

"I don't think Paw would like that," said the boy—but he allowed himself to be persuaded.

An hour later, the kindly neighbor said, "Let's listen to that Bob Hope radio program afore we tackle the truck."

"I don't think Paw would like that," the boy said again—but he sat down and listened.

Finally, fully three hours after the boy's initial appearance, the neighbor rose, yawned, and said, "Now, John, let's right that manure truck of yours. Why don't we call your Paw to help us?"

"Oh, didn't I tell you?" said the boy. "Paw's under the manure."

DOUBLE TROUBLE

An army corporal hauled a man into a police station and charged him with lifting his wallet.

"I'm guilty, Judge," confessed the man. "Please give me a sentence and a divorce, too."

"Why a divorce?" asked the judge.

"I opened the corporal's wallet," said the defendant, "and the only thing I found in it was three pictures of my wife."

ULTIMATE IN FRUGALITY

An Englishman, a Welshman, and a Scot were having drinks together. There were three flies in each drink. The Englishman called for a teaspoon and removed his fly with an expression of disgust. The Welshman put his hand in and with his thumb and forefinger flipped his fly clear across the room. The Scot carefully lifted his fly and wrung it out.

OVERLOOKED ITEM

A small hotel caught fire in the middle of the night. One guest was not yet asleep, so he got out quickly, and stood with the usual crowd of sensation-seekers, watching less fortunate guests run out, jump out, and be carried out by resolute firemen. He turned to the man beside him and observed smugly, "I don't see how people allow themselves to be panicked by a fire. Take me, for instance. I dressed carefully, put my valuables in my jacket, and emerged calmly. You see I even took time to put on my collar and tie."

The man addressed looked at him for the first time. "I presume," he said, "that you always appear publicly naked below the waist?"

A CASE OF BOURBON

One of those radio quacks who play God for a couple of thousand dollars a week to poor saps in distress received this letter from a worried admirer:

"I have been a soldier in the Pacific. My mother has epilepsy, and my father's nose and ears have fallen off, so you see they can't work. My two sisters are the sole support of the family. They are fast girls in Birmingham. My only brother is in the pen for murder and rape. I have two cousins who are Republicans. I am from the South and now that I'm out of uniform I naturally want to go back home to live.

"Mr. X, my problem is this: I am in love with a strip-tease artist in a town near ours and I want to ask her to be my wife. Dure I tell her about my two no-good Republican cousins?"

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. Pres., Mahlon Fales, Res. 411 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 3609. Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, business phone 6744.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbrecht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Horace Andante, 406 Villa Del Monte, phone 8107; Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets first and third Fridays, Labor Temple, Hoffman and Lighthouse Aves., 8 p.m. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave.; Vice President, Arthur Mercier, 422 Archer St.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 574.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets first Friday in month at 301 Alvarado St., 12:30 a. m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, phone Monterey 4257. Sec., Harry H. Judson, Res. 422, Pacific Grove, phone Pacific Grove 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Norman Winslow, Box 732, Carmel, phone 2120M. Fin. Sec., M. Isakson, Rt. 1, Box 221-C, Monterey, phone 5249. Rec. Secy., W. S. Kallerup, Box 1461, Carmel. Bus. Agent, Robert E. Estis, 421 Casanova Ave., Monterey, phone 3759.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, Jose Mondragon, Res. 272 Lane St., phone 6670.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. President, Howard Tretzel, Serra Hall, Monterey; Secretary, H. Diaz, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, phone 7386.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P. O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1186-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamill, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7661.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Secy., Haskell Warren, P. O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres. Frank Brantley; Secy., N. J. Carman; Bus. Rep., C. C. Fitch; Office, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 8050.

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Next year's show will be held in San Francisco in September. Invitation was extended by Tom Rottel, chairman of the San Francisco Union Label Section, who attended the St. Louis exposition. A year-long program of preparation and publicity, the type that is beneficial to the entire labor movement, is planned for next year's exhibit.

Commenting on this year's big display at St. Louis, the first full-scale postwar production exposition, I. M. Ornburn, secretary of the AFL Union Label Trades Department said:

"If this exhibit did nothing else it impressed upon the nation that American merchandise, made by American hands and under union standards, is the finest the world has ever seen. It proved, too, that labor and management can reach full accord and now is headed toward new horizons."

Much greater emphasis is going to be placed upon the importance of union label goods and services from now on. It is a form of expression that has been badly neglected by the labor movement and yet is one of the strongest forces there is for building up a strong, effective movement and protecting the workers against slave and sweatshop wages and conditions. As labor's position in the American scene is more and more challenged by powerful anti-labor interests, ever greater emphasis will be placed upon union label goods and services.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson, 8 p.m. Roll call showed 18 delegates representing nine Local Unions. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS

Painters L. U. No. 272 presenting credentials for Bros. William Grubbs, Robert Deakin, and J. L. Bolin.

It was moved and seconded the credentials be received and the delegates seated. (Carried.)

Brother Wm. R. Ingram reports that he has been selected as a delegate from Plasterers and Cement Finishers L. U. No. 337.

Seated pending credentials. All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a copy of the new wage rate for Cement Finishers from L. U. No. 337. (By motion the report was approved.)

A letter of thanks from Veterans of Foreign Wars for the support given them in the last general election.

From the State B. & C. T. C. of Calif. a letter and pamphlet concerning Unemployment Compensation and Disability Benefits.

From the B. & C. T. Dept. of AFL, a letter and a copy of statement made by General President Gray, at a meeting of Building and Construction Industry Advisory Conference, November 22, 1946.

A letter from the Calif. State Federation of Labor explaining the Disability Insurance Program.

Received notice from Carpenters L. U. No. 1323 that they would receive the entire office after December 16, 1946.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to prepare and office for the B. & C. T. C. (Carried.)

Appointed were: W. T. Evans, M. Fales, and L. T. Long.

Two news letters from the State Federation of Labor.

From the State B. & C. T. C. of Calif. a copy of recommendations by General President F. C. MacDonald, to the State Senate Interne Committee on Workmen's Compensation Benefits. (File.)

A report from Pile Butts L. U. No. 34, San Francisco.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Bro. Floyd O. Easton reports his findings for the past two weeks. Mr. C. Cosky and Miller are making application for a state contractor license, they will sign a B. & C. T. C. agreement. Iron Workers were placed on the construction of the Quick Freeze Plant. The Prince Hotel in Carmel Valley is nearing completion.

Bro. R. E. Estise, B. A. Painters L. U. No. 272, reports most all the men are working, some are moving around working in other shops do to lack of material. We expect to reach an agreement with the employers soon.

Bro. S. M. Thomas B. A. for Laborers L. U. No. 690, the concrete work on the new highway is well under way. The Operating Engineers L. U. No. 3 are protesting too many No. 12 men on the job; says that he is receiving fine cooperation from the Engineers in organizing the Laborer.

By motion the reports were accepted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The report of the Executive Board was read, recommending the request of Painters L. U. No. 272, for a reduction in per capita to the Council be reduced to 50 cents per month, be not approved.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Executive Board be received and the recommendations concurred in. (Carried.)

REPORT OF LOCAL UNIONS

Bro. W. T. Evans, Carpenter, L. U. No. 1323, small meeting initiated three new members.

Bro. R. Estise, Painters No. 272, good meeting, will hold a special meeting December 7, 1946.

Bro. L. Cresetti, Laborers L. U. No. 690, good meeting.

Bro. Joseph Real, Brick Masons No. 16, meet Monday, December 9, 1946.

Bro. Wm. R. Ingram, Plasterers No. 337, meet Friday, December 6, 1946.

Bro. Foster, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304, meet Friday.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

No further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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One of the most significant features of many of the corporation statements is that profit increases have for outstripped the rise in sales.

For example, the Celanese Corporation during the first nine months of this year boosted its gross sales by 26 per cent, but profits in the same period shot up from \$5,630,340 in 1945 to \$11,573,513 this year—a jump of over 100 per cent.

An even more striking instance is that of the International Paper Company. Its sales for the nine months mounted 15 per cent, but profits skyrocketed nearly 300 per cent—from \$7,283,592 in 1945 to \$21,252,904 in 1946.

Another key development is that many durable goods industries in the metal trades field, which had lagged behind the procession during the six months, are now catching up, according to the magazine, "Business Week."

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The Federal Trade Commission charged that these advertising claims were false: That it will stimulate generally the functions of the liver, except to the extent to which it will increase the formation and secretion of bile; that it is of general benefit in cases of gall-bladder removal; that it is necessary to proper digestion; that it is of value in retarding putrefaction or gas formation.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Pete C. Balestra, Secretary-Business Agent; Bertha Boles, Treasurer. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

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BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert. Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtwright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall. Pres. Ray Luna; Vice-Pres. I. Miller; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, G. R. Harter; Treas. O. O. Little; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office at 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, John W. Deer. Secretary, E. L. Courtwright. Office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m., and 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., at Salinas Labor Temple. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres. L. E. Towle, 118 Harvest St. Rec. Secy., J. H. Ferson, 34 Felice St., phone 20302. Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo St., phone 4589. Bus. Mgr., W. E. L., 1251 E. Alisal St., phone 7515.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., 8:30 p.m. Pres. Bruce Murdock, P.O. Box 663; Sec., Harry Vosburgh, 404 Calif. St., phone 4972; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, P.O. Box 973, Watsonville.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the "light of the moon" each month. Office at Moss Landing, telephone Castroville 6202. George Issel, general secretary-treasurer; Leo Hettlinger, Moss Landing representative.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5310; office 6339. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

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LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey. Phone Monterey 4820; Sec. Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9233.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m. Pres. Mildred Clayton, 18 McFaden Rd. Secretary, Lesta Williams, 19 Capitol, phone 3796. Bus. Agt. and office, J. W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., at 7:30 p.m. Pres. Earl Ross, res. 129 Dennis St. Fin. Sec.-Business Rep., Carl Lara. Rec. Sec., Dennis Hartman, res. 614 Mae Ave.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS' UNION, Local 503—Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Executive Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schirke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets 4th Friday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Edward C. Bey, P.O. Box 541, Salinas; Sec., John H. LaFreniere, Rt. 3, Box 371, Watsonville.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets on call of President Leon Edner. Fin. Sec., R. L. Mathiesen, Res. 158 Central Ave. Phone: Office, 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres. James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas. Secy.-Treas., W. P. Karcich, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres. Frank Brantley; Secy. N. J. Carman; Bus. Rep. C. C. Fitch; Office, Labor Temple, San Jose; phone Columbia 9050.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Spreckels Fire Hall, at 8 p.m. President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, R. MacRossi; Recording Secretary, L. Ferreira.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meet 2nd Wednesday at Carpenters Hall, North Main St. Pres., Thos. Brett. Bus. Rep., Frank Stevens. Sec.-Treas., George Jenott, 941 The Alameda, San Jose. Office phone Salinas 7531.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month, 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone 975; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 1671.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas. Pres.: A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Rec. Secretary and Business Representative, W. G. Kenyon. Financial Secretary and Business Representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Two representatives of Carpenters 925 of Salinas were to attend the Fresno meeting last week-end of the California State Mill Committee, including representatives of union mill workers throughout the state.

Business Representative George R. Harter and Harold Black were to make the trip for Local 925. Harter said the meeting was for the purpose of setting up a state-wide agreement covering wages and conditions for mill men in 46 Northern California counties.

The State Council of Carpenters is continuing its investigation of the use of convict labor on the Soledad prison camp job, and some action is expected shortly as a result of the probe, Harter reports. Steps will be taken to induce the state authorities to use union building mechanics in construction of the prison camp buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harter report their Thanksgiving trip to Southern California very delightful, despite the heavy fog they encountered en route, making driving slow and hazardous.

Construction of another ice-freezing tank for the Monterey County Ice Co. is being started by the Gray Engineering Co. of Los Angeles, using union workmen.

The response of journeymen to the proposal that a class in advanced carpentry for journeymen be set up at the Salinas night school has been poor.

Those journeymen interested in night classes to learn latest methods should contact the union offices and sign up for the course.

If more journeymen don't sign up soon, plans for the classes will be abandoned, it was reported.

Any carpenter who does not receive the international magazine, "The Carpenter," or who fails to get the Monterey County Labor News each week should contact the union offices at once. Names will be added to the mailing lists of both publications at request of the member. Remember: If you move, notify the office—magazines are not forwarded.

Sign in grocery. "Three hours ago our milk was grass."

Petitioning of Government Has Its Risks, Says Price Committee

New Orleans, La.

Petitioning the government is a basic American right, but there are times when a union man has to fight for it.

That was proved by Walter Rogers, chairman of the New Orleans Price Control Committee, as he outlined his experiences in obtaining over 7000 signatures to a petition asking President Truman to call a special session of Congress to re-enact price control over food and clothing.

Interviewed at the office of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare here, Rogers had with him an ingenious petition in the form of an adding machine roll 18 inches in diameter covered with names. Later in the day he presented it to White House officials.

"We found the reactionaries in New Orleans, particularly the press, did everything they could to block our committee," Rogers said. Himself a member of Local 406, Intl. Union of Operating Engineers (AFL), Rogers said New Orleans labor had backed the price control fight.

"The three big dailies down there slammed us in headlines and editorials," he said, "but when they carried the story that some hoodlums had carried away one of our signature booths, the local people really came to our support. We know of one news story by a friendly reporter that was killed by the editor at the last minute."

Aside from the big-money press hostility, Rogers said, the local political machine sent watchers to signature booths to try to intimidate signers, but the price control committee called their bluff and nothing came of it.

MINUTES Truck Tie-Up In Ten Dixie States Looms

Central Labor Council

The meeting was called to order by Sec. Edwards. Miss Pearl Robinson was elected as temporary chairman for the meeting.

The roll call showed the presence of five delegates from five locals. Sec. Treas. Edwards was the only regular officer present.

Credentials were presented for Bro. Grover Bethards as a delegate from the Carpenters. It was moved, seconded, and passed that he be seated. He was then given the obligation by the chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Bills presented, approved, and ordered paid were: Herald Printers, for envelopes, \$20.66; to Sec. Edwards, for stamps, \$5.

Various communications were presented and considered.

The chairman reported that she has cards for the use of any who wish to inquire how much credit they have with the Social Security System.

The secretary reported that the Thrift Store had been signed up for the Retail Clerks Union.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to "buy" \$15 worth of bonds from the Tuberculosis Association.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to pay \$20 as the Council's share of the expense of the inter-union meeting in October.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES
The Bartenders reported 15 new members. No meeting since last report.

The Carpenters reported some difficulty. Saloon keepers are having to put in eating facilities and many of them are using non-union help in doing it.

The Butchers reported a good attendance at their last meeting. They are having some trouble with the Western Meat Co. They also reported two new members and that they made a contribution to the Community Chest.

The Barbers reported a good meeting—28 present of a membership of 33. Refreshments were served. They report that there are no unfair shops on the Monterey Peninsula at the present time.

—WAYNE EDWARDS, Sec. Treas.

Free enterprise is a system of selling a man gasoline and liquor, and then boarding him in jail for mixing them.

—LABOR LEADER.

Memphis, Tenn.

A trucking tieup in ten southeastern and southwestern states loomed closer as truck operators here continued to reject demands of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) for pay raises equal to those recently won in the central states.

Dexter Lewis, chairman of a teamsters negotiating committee which has been meeting with truck operators here, said the union has served notice on the operators that a strike will be called very soon unless wage demands are met.

Lewis said the decision to enforce their demands by strike was made at a conference of 40 delegates of local unions who approved the strike vote unanimously.

MODEST REQUESTS

The union is seeking 4½¢ a mile and \$1.10 an hour for through runs and 98¢ an hour on pedal runs of less than 75 miles one way.

Southeastern carriers now pay drivers 8.65¢ a mile and 96¢ an hour on long runs and 79¢ on pedal runs. The pay scale in the southwest is 3.9¢ a mile with hourly rates of \$1.02 and 90¢.

Lewis said the operators in the southeastern section offered 4¢ a mile with hourly rates of \$1.04 and 90¢ while the southwestern operators agreed to all union demands except the mileage rate, offering one-tenth of a cent less than the union seeks.

UNIFORM CONTRACTS

Concerning the narrow margin of difference, Lewis said the union was "adamant" because "the central states area has just signed a contract providing the wage scale we are requesting and it is the policy of the union to have uniform contracts."

The union represents about 25,000 truck drivers employed by carriers operating in Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia and Florida in the southeast and Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana in the southwest.

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WATSONVILLE ICE INDUSTRY: To all of our members employed at the Union Ice, National Ice, Pajaro Valley Ice and Apple Growers Ice Company: The employers proposal has been rejected by your Union at the meeting held on Friday, December 6. However, at this meeting the retroactive date of January 6 was established and the company's proposal reduced to writing. A further meeting will be held this week and your Union is prepared to resort to arbitration. Because of the proposals by the company not being accepted, your Union has gone back to the original request made of \$1.15 to \$1.30 per hour for inside men and \$1.35 for truck drivers with the shift premium provisions and all of the other concessions which you feel should be made part of the working conditions of that industry. Watch this column for further reports on this industry.

To all of our members employed at Baker Foods Company and Watsonville Canning Company at Watsonville and the Frank Raiter Canning Company of Salinas: Your Union has served official notice to each of these companies that our present agreements which expire March 1 will be re-negotiated for wages, hours and working conditions. You will be called to a special meeting in the very near future for the purpose of discussing certain changes.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE S. P. MILLING COMPANY — IMPORTANT: In view of the fact that we have been unable to reach a settlement in our negotiations with the S. P. Milling Company for all of our members employed at their warehouses in Salinas, Chualar, Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad and King City, the matter has been referred to arbitration. We have every reason to expect a fair decision. In any event your Union is requesting substantial increases for all of the classifications in the agreement, ranging from women hand-pickers to working foremen, with rates from .925¢ per hour to \$1.35. We therefore ask that you keep a full and complete record of all hours worked since November 20, 1946, that being the day on which any increases in wages will be effective. Watch this paper for further events.

To all members employed at Mitchell-Silliman Company and Eckhart Seed Company: Your Union has officially notified these two companies by registered letter as to a new contract for wages, hours and conditions. As a result of our last meeting of this particular industry, you have requested the same conditions and wages which are applicable in the instance of the S. P. Milling Company. The agreement affecting these two companies expires on Jan. 2, 1947.

To all of our members employed at the Salinas Ice Industry, namely the Salinas Valley Ice Company with four plants: The Growers Ice and Development Company, Union Ice Company, Monterey Ice and Shippers Development Company. Your Union will officially notify all of these companies the first part of the year for the purpose of re-negotiating our present working agreement. You will be called to a special meeting in the very near future for the purpose of making certain changes in the present agreement so that you may proceed from there.

SPIEGEL FOODS COMPANY: At the present time the following Shop Stewards are acting on your behalf at this plant: Elda Cline, Sarah Harris and Margaret Grasso representing the women. Alec Dahmer and Fred Sharron representing the men. At times criticism has been cast towards these Stewards because of their inability to perform miracles. These people perform their duties without compensation and at times jeopardize their relations with both their employers and their sister and brother members. We certainly hope, and feel that this will be taken into consideration because at its best the Stewards jobs are thankless. Your Union wishes to praise these Shop Stewards for their jobs in the past and we are indeed praiseworthy of Margaret Grasso, Shop Stewardess, who has been most active on behalf of all of our members.

We want all of our members to report any undue inconveniences to these Shop Stewards and we also expect the Stewards to take up the matter with the foreman on the job. In any event mutual cooperation will result in a better understanding.

TO ALL MEMBERS IN ALL AREAS: At the last meeting (which was poorly attended) the matter of disability benefits as provided for by the State effective December 1 was widely discussed. Therefore you are being advised now to attend the next regular meeting of your Union which will be held at the Women's Civic Club the first Tuesday in January (Jan. 7) at 8 p.m. when this entire matter of our present sick and disability fund and the State plan will be discussed for the best interest of our members. Your officers will be prepared to submit to you at that

time a plan which will pay greater dividends to all of our members at no extra cost.

At that meeting we will discuss also the matter of a building fund so that we may prepare ourselves for the future in procuring a better meeting hall and offices in order to take better care of the members of our Union.

From time to time your Union gives names of certain members who are sick in hospitals or at home, who at one time or another worked with you on some particular job. It would be most appreciative if anyone who lives near a member who is sick to go and visit them. We have a number of our members who are on the sick roll—and anyone who so desires may give us names of people who are ill whether or not they are eligible for benefits and their names will be printed in this column.

If there are any items which you deem should be published, do not hesitate to turn the news into the office of the Union and it will be published in the next issue of the Labor News.

Many of our members have failed to come to the initiation meetings to be initiated. On the 18th of December initiations will be held at the Women's Civic Club at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Official notices will be mailed to all persons who have not been initiated. Failure to appear will be sufficient reason to take such action which the Union deems necessary within the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Your Union and its officers have made much progress during the past 12 months and as in the past, your Union wishes all of its members greetings for the Christmas Holidays and express their best wishes for the New Year and that a better and more prosperous year will be in the calendar for all of our members. All of these things are most desired and we certainly feel that by working together in the future we have in the past that the goal expressed herein will not be difficult.

At the last Executive Board meeting which was held in Salinas, your Union recommends that Ruby Kerner, who has for the past three years worked in the interest of the Union, should receive a memento as well as an honorable membership in this Union for as long as she desires for the many services, which are too numerous to outline in this column. This honorable membership and engraved memento for her services will be officially given to her at the next Watsonville meeting. The regular meeting date for Watsonville falls on New Year's Day, so watch this column for the next meeting day at Watsonville. We hope that all of our members will be present at the next meeting in Watsonville as we also expect a distinguished visitor who will pay Ruby Kerner the accord which she is entitled to.

The following received sick benefit checks this week: Gonzales Llamas, Gilroy; Neta McCoid, Gilroy; Maybelle Vandiver, Salinas; Hazel Woods, Salinas; Lee Herrin, Salinas.

Patronize Union services.

NOTES HERE AND THERE
Bros. Arthur Cummings and Sam Johnson, employed at Raiter Canning Co., are proud fathers of baby girls born at Park Lane Hospital Nov. 30 and Dec. 2 respectively. The mothers are doing fine. The cigars are forthcoming.

Crushing Symptoms

It seems that there was a young fellow who was feeling off-color and consulted a specialist. The medical man examined him and said:

"All that's wrong with you is that you smoke too many cigarettes. Here's a simple way to cure yourself of the habit. Whenever you light a cigaret, put a stone in your pocket. Soon the discomfort of carrying the stones will warn you that you have also overloaded your system with nicotine."

The patient nodded and departed. Three days later the specialist received a postcard from him which read:
"Dear Doc: I am following your advice religiously, but I do look funny going around pushing a wheelbarrow."

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